

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

Claims 1-18, 22-27, 29-34, 36, 37, 39-41, 43, 44, and 46-47, 52-78 are presented for consideration. Claims 19-21, 38, 46-51, 79 are currently canceled.

Claims 22-37, 39-44, and 52-78 are currently allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of these claims.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11-16 and 18 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 18-28, 47-57 and 72-81 of copending Application No. 10/733,094.

Applicants hereby submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part if any, of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any U.S. patent issuing from copending Application Serial No. No. 10/733,094.

It is believed that the presently submitted Terminal Disclaimer removes any provisional rejections based on nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants thus believe that claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11-16 and 18 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 17 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner, but believe that claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 17 are now in condition for allowance based at least on the allowability of their base claim 1.

This Response After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. At the very least, however, it is believed clear that the provisional rejection has been overcome and cancellation of Claims 19-21, 38, 48-51, 79 clearly eliminates all issues relating to those claims. Accordingly, entry of this Response After Final Rejection, as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact

applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

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